MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) : The question is whether the Government will be pleased to state whether they are aware that a resolution dated the 26th Chingom 1103, *re* the appointment of a Municipal President, was forwarded to the President, Municipal Council, and the President refused to board the resolution on the agenda. That has been answered. If the member wishes to know whether any discussion on that motion took place before the Council, that is a matter of detail in regard to which information is not now available.

Foreigners in the Lunatic Asylum.

12. **MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the number of foreigners in the Lunatic Asylum, Trivandrum; and

(*b*) the cost at which they are maintained there ?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) (*a*) 10.

(*b*) Rs. 15 per head per mensem.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*) : With reference to foreign lunatics in the asylum, did the Government at any time think of doing away with this unnecessary expenditure by not keeping them in our asylum, *i. e.*, by sending them to their respective localities under proper arrangements ?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : That is under consideration.

Shortage of Medicines in the mofussil Hospitals and Dispensaries.

13. **MR. V. S. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Tiruvalla*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they are aware that there has been a shortage of medicines in the mofussil hospitals and dispensaries during several months every year and that this is due to the late distribution of medicines every year from the Medical Stores ; and

(*b*) whether they have enquired into the cause of this late distribution ?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The answer is in the negative.

(*b*) In view of the answer to part (*a*), this question does not arise.

Appointment of a Superintendent for the English and Vernacular Records.

14. **MR. V. S. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Tiruvalla*) : Will the Government be pleased to consider the desirability of appointing a permanent Superintendent to be in charge of the records—English as well as Vernacular—in the Secretariat ?

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